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PARIS FOR ENDERS AND JULIUS KATZ

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6256

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TEHRAN 30 JUN FROM JIDDA REPEATED SECSTATE

QUOTE
C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 4721

PASS: UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, USSAEC, SA, US
SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON MEETING WITH MINSTATE
ABA AL-KHAYL: JOINT COMMISSIONS

REF: STATE 153448

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON HAD FRIENDLY AND USEFUL MEETING
WITH MINSTATE FINANCE ABA AL-KHAYL SUNDAY, JUNE 29. MR
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ROBINSON FIRST COVERED SAUDI INVESTMENTS IN U.S. AND ENERGY

FUND, AS MENTIONED IN SEPTEL (QURAISHI CONVERSATION), THEN
DISCUSSED EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT (SEPTEL).

2. FOLLOWING THESE EXCHANGES, MR. POATS DESCRIBED PROSPECTIVE
USG ROLE IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL. HE TOLD
ABA AL-KHAYL WE SEE THREE AREAS FOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT:

- (A) SHORT TERM EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (SUCH AS IN RAYADH
ELECTRIFICATION);
- (B) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT; AND
- (C) LONG RANGE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

WITH REGARD TO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN PARTICULAR, THERE WERE
MANY WAYS IN WHICH THE USG COULD ASSIST THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT--
THROUGH ITS CONTACTS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THROUGH THE
PROVISION OF EXPERT PERSONNEL. MR. POATS MENTIONED, FOR
INSTANCE, U.S. EXPERTS COULD BE PROVIDED TO SAG MINISTRIES
TO WORK ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER WITH SAUDI COUNTER-
PARTS. ABA AL-KHAYL AGREED THAT THERE IS A GREAT NEED TO
DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT AND REACH AN AGREEMENT. HE HAS ALSO BEEN
DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT WITH HIS STAFF. HE DID WANT TO MAKE IT
CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS STILL HIGHLY
DESIRABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE ABANDONED IN FAVOR OF THIS
APPROACH. ABA AL-KHAYL ADDED HE WOULD GIVE THE MATTER FURTHER
STUDY--HE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF BUDGET PREPARATION RIGHT NOW--AND
GIVE US HIS OPINION. MR. POATS PROMISED TO FURNISH THE MINISTER
WITH A BRIEF WRITTEN SUMMARY OF OUR VIEWS ON HOW THE USG
COULD BEST ASSIST THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT ON PROJECT DEVELOPMENT.
SIGNED HORAN UNQUOTE. HELMS

UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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